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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)
Thomas Robert Maier, et al.)
For: PREPARATION OF COMPONENTS)
AND ARTICLES WITH DIRECTED HIGH)
FREQUENCY ENERGY HEATED SILICA-)
RICH RUBBER COMPONENTS)
CONTAINING HIGH SOFTENING POINT)
POLYMER AND SULFUR CURATIVE)
Serial No.: 10/629,421)
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Examiner: Sanza L. McClendon

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
(35 U.S.C. Section 121 and 35 U.S.C. Section 1.312)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance with Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated June 1, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. Section 121, the Applicants' elect the Examiner's Group I, namely the Applicants' process claims 1 through 13.

The Applicants' election is made without traverse, and the Applicants affirm the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 14 through 20 from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Accordingly, please make the following amendments in order to respond the Examiner's Restriction Requirement.